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1. THE GOP PROVIDES OUR FULBRIGHTERS WITH A MODEST PER DIEM AND DORMITORY LIVING SPACE FOR THE DURATION OF THE ORIENTATION PERIOD (SEPTEMBER 6-25) AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY. THE ZLOTY SALARIES PAID TO FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS IN POLAND BY THEIR HOST UNIVERSITIES COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 1. THE POLISH SUPPORT PROVIDED TO OUR GRANTEES DURING THE ORIENTATION PERIOD IN NO WAY RELIEVES US OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYING THEIR SALARIES DURING THIS MONTH. WE CONSIDER THIS ORIENTATION PERIOD AN INTEGRAL AND MOST IMPORTANT PART TO THEIR WORK EXPERIENCE IN POLAND.

2. SOME FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS HAVE PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED THEIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS IN POLAND BEFORE THE END OF JUNE. WE HAVE FOUND, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLISH HOST UNIVERSITIES ARE INVOLVING OUR PROFESSORS EVER MORE COMPLETELY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED. MOST OF OUR GRANTEES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FOR STUDENTS BEING ADMITTED TO INSTITUTES OF ENGLISH PHILOLOGY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH ARE USUALLY HELD DURING JUNE. IN OUR INFORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH THESE UNIVERSITIES, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE

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FULBRIGHTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

OF JUNE.

3. REDUCTION OF THE TERMS OF THE GRANT FROM TEN MONTHS TO NINE, AS WE UNDERSTAND THE REFTEL, WOULD MAKE THE MAXIMUM SALARY WHICH COULD BE OFFERED TO A PROSPECTIVE FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR IN POLAND DOLLARS 13,500. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PRESENT DOLLARS 15,000 MAXIMUM SALARY MAY NOT REALLY BE COMPETITIVE ENOUGH TO ATTRACT WELL-QUALIFIED PROFESSORS IN THE FIELDS IN WHICH WE ARE RECRUITING, MOST ESPECIALLY APPLIED LINGUISTICS OR TEFL. PRICES ARE RISING IN POLAND. WE NOTE, FURTHERMORE, THAT SEVERAL OF THE BETTER QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY CIES FOR ASSIGNMENTS IN POLAND THIS YEAR HAVE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, THE TUITION AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WARSAW HAS RISEN THIS YEAR BY MORE THAN DOLLARS 400 TO DOLLARS 1435 PER CHILD PER YEAR. PROFESSOR CONN, FOR EXAMPLE, WHO WE ARE HOPING WILL BE CONFIRMED AS PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN LITERATURE AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY, WILL HAVE TO PAY MORE THAN DOLLARS 4,000 IN TUITION FOR HIS CHILDREN HERE IN DOLLARS AND APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 4,000 IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO WARSAW. EVEN NOW, WE FEAR THAT WHEN HE BECOMES AWARE OF THE EXPENSES, PROFESSOR CONN WILL NOT ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT IN WARSAW.

4. WE FEEL THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO PAY THE FULBRIGHTERS ASSIGNED TO POLAND FOR A FULL 10 MONTHS.
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